

What did my doc do? He referred me to ~~the~~ ~~about~~ a medical clinic that performs abortions - no discussion

Testimony in Favor of AB427  
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To the members of the Assembly Judiciary and Ethics Committee, and fellow legislators:

While I understand we are here today to discuss policy designed to ensure a woman is voluntarily consenting to kill her unborn child, and not coerced to, my purpose in being here is to help you understand that while whether or not a woman is forced to abort is certainly relevant, if legislators truly cared about women's health issues, they would provide information on more than domestic abuse services as ~~she~~ teeters on the brink of disaster. <sup>making a</sup> They would equip her <sup>with</sup> knowledge and viable alternatives to abortion and <sup>mistake</sup> help her understand the life-altering consequences of each. They would <sup>create provisions that</sup> ~~try to~~ cause her to <sup>stop and think and</sup> seriously reconsider giving consent at all, <sup>hoping to</sup> ~~and~~ dissuade her from joining the ranks of the post-abortive.

I'll try not to get off track, but AB427 is just one of several pieces of legislation currently under consideration that have serious implications affecting the health of women and children. AB377, AB427, AB492, SB129, SB252, and the Family Planning Waiver are all interrelated, and are all of the utmost importance not only to women and children, but to all people living today as well as future generations. I commend you for your willingness to listen to post-abortive women as you seek to do the right thing while fulfilling your obligation to author and approve legislation designed to protect all people, including those waiting to be born. A civil society ~~understands~~ considers them their most

Just like parents of minors who are about to make one of the biggest mistakes of their lives, <sup>precious</sup> ~~we~~ <sup>PA women</sup> are either not consulted, completely forgotten, intentionally overlooked, or <sup>resource.</sup> discounted altogether. Last January, a group of us from Silent No More gathered to share our stories with a record crowd of 75 concerned constituents here at the Capitol, as we have done for the past five years. I counted three legislators and two aides among them.

Post-abortive women aren't hard to find. There are well over 26,000,000 of us walking around. We can be pretty defensive at first, but underneath the fortress we've built around our hearts as a means of self-preservation, is a wonderful, fragile human being. Don't let the numbers fool you though. Everyone admits data collection and

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"best-reasonable medical standard"

might be a dialogue. An doctor who performs an abortion isn't really interested

not conflict of interest

reporting is inconsistent, unreliable and easily manipulated, depending on who's citing it, and what they're defending. Rest assured, 26 million is a conservative number. Bear in mind that where there is a post-abortive woman, there is a post-abortive man, post-abortive grandparents and usually post-abortive siblings.

The trick might be getting us to open up since we've been told to keep it to ourselves <sup>because</sup> ~~since~~ abortion is one of those "hot-button, controversial issues." Politicians generally don't want to talk about it claiming it's a "religious" issue, or a private matter that they have no business interfering with. Clergy try to avoid it, believing it's a "political" issue. Our families tend to ignore it because they're ashamed of us, and of themselves, because some of them, as you know, actually coerced, or at the very least, encouraged us to do it. While in other cases, we were simply *scared to death* to tell them, so they didn't have an opportunity to discourage us.

Coerced or not, we suffer in silence, wondering why, if it's "okay" to have an abortion, doesn't anyone want to talk about it afterward? Why does it weigh so heavily if it was our "right?" Aren't rights supposed to be a good thing?

The fact is, it is a political issue, a religious issue, and a personal issue because it is a *moral* issue, and, frankly, *the single most important issue of our time*. Our moral code dictates that it is wrong to kill an innocent human being. In fact, our Constitution guarantees our "*unalienable*" *right to life* ... to be born into this world. As a post-abortive woman, this caused me confusion as I came to grips with what I had done.

If they are diligent, legislators truly concerned about women's health issues would talk to several post-abortive women to get an accurate sample, and they will quickly discover that, while our reasons, or excuses, as the case may be, for having an abortion may vary, the aftermath often follows the same destructive path. It's true, not every woman who has an abortion regrets doing so, but many do, whether they were forced to or not. However, after three and half decades of medical, psychological and scientific research, we have accumulated a significant body of evidence that substantiates our claims, *if our testimonies aren't convincing enough by themselves.*

The bottom line is that eventually, we realize that what we did, for whatever reason, was simply *wrong*. That's not a judgment call; it's the truth, and we know it because when we admitted it, even just to hear ourselves say it out loud the very first

time, we began to heal, and life gradually transformed into something worth living. Whether we were forced or not, the reasons women resort to abortion all boil down to being afraid, ashamed, unwilling to be inconvenienced, or unprepared to accept a child who may be less than perfect.

In some cases, such as my own, multiple variables were present. I was having an affair, and even though I was involved with the man I knew I would marry, and he was legally separated, he was not divorced. Therefore, we were committing adultery, and I was unwilling to deal with the consequences. I chose the easy way out, or so I thought at the time. Abortion, whether chemical or surgical, for the vast majority of women, has become a method of birth control. If you consider the fact that nearly 50% of marriages end in divorce, and that the two leading causes of divorce are debt and infidelity, one can safely deduce that ~~I'm probably not the only unscrupulous one~~. <sup>my situation is not unusual.</sup> But that's not to suggest we ought to condone the behavior, or pretend it isn't happening. ~~As everyone here knows, if a person is willing to play with fire, they risk getting burned, at which point, it only becomes a matter of degree.~~ *I don't remember much about the day, but*

Not surprising, nine out of 10 relationships involving abortions don't last. So far, my husband and I are beating the odds. When we finally grieved the loss of our child at a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat a year and a half ago, my husband admitted, "I have no regrets in my life, except for that." Like nearly ½ of the women (and by virtue of fatherhood, men) who abort, we were both raised in good, Christian homes. When I asked him how he could let me do it, he said he prayed for forgiveness before, during and after the procedure. I know his prayers were answered. *I'll never forget the date*

Twenty one years, and three children later, I would seek to understand how I could do something so heinous. *I love my children, more than life itself.* I prayed for answers and began to have memories of being sexually violated as a child. My first reaction was to deny them, as I had the abortion for two decades. Denial, I've come to realize, is both a blessing and a curse. It's a built-in defense mechanism God gives us so we can cope. It also *prevents* us from dealing with pain. The memories have since been ~~confirmed~~. *validated, so I know they aren't contrived.*

The reason it's important I mention this and correlate the abortion and the abuse, is that when a child is sexually violated, their emotional development is arrested, they

shut down in order to survive an ordeal that often lasts several years. They grow up with a distorted perception of healthy male/female relationships, often seeking affection from authority figures who they believe will protect them. What they don't know is that they ~~create~~<sup>project</sup> what is known as a "victim aura," one that is easily detected by sexual predators, and so they are often continually preyed upon, and it can become ~~the status quo~~<sup>their "norm"</sup>. Learning this helped me understand why, when I was raped at 19 by my 60 year old boss, I ~~thought~~<sup>didn't think much of it.</sup> it was "normal." With each encounter, they grow further detached from their emotional center and eventually become indifferent altogether. While it helps me comprehend how I could do what I did ~~and so I'm able to~~<sup>and</sup> forgive myself, it doesn't necessarily make it any less painful.

I thought I was unique, until I started telling my story publicly four years ago and began to routinely encounter women *just like me*. For the first time in my life, in an odd sort of way, I began to feel "typical."

Post-abortive women bond very quickly, as though we've known each other forever. It's like a secret sorority, and we've already paid the membership dues, so we're automatically "in." We give each other permission to confess without being judged, rejected or condemned. Instead we console each other. We come to understand that what we did was wrong, and we apologize for doing it. We receive God's forgiveness and we mourn the child/ren we recklessly discarded; naming them and honoring their souls. We grieve lost childhood and/or parenthood, rediscover our girlhood, validate our womanhood and celebrate motherhood. We eventually learn how to forgive ourselves and those who harmed us, by the grace of God. We grow stronger with each step and even discover joy in the journey. The peace is priceless.

~~Our~~ healing ~~journey~~<sup>counseling</sup> takes time, typically around three to five years, but after what can be decades of self-medicating, in-patient treatment programs, group therapy, antidepressants, serious physical health problems, broken marriages, wrecked families, lost employment, and suicide attempts, we find genuine pain relief because we finally identified the cause. And once our secret is no longer holding us hostage, we are able to travel lighter. The fog lifts, the desire to alter our state of mind subsides, we are able to stay focused, we lose weight without trying, our mood swings stabilize, we establish and

maintain meaningful relationships, hold jobs for more than a year or two, and, for the first time in our lives we have hope.

Let's get serious. Abortion is not good for women, under any circumstance. It's unhealthy, unnatural, unethical and unnecessary. Whether a woman is coerced, or chooses abortion on her own, she is as hopeless as a man preparing to jump off a bridge. The only difference is the chances that he will be rescued are greater than hers because someone driving by just might take the time to stop and help him think things through.

Whether we were coerced or voluntarily chose to kill our unborn children, we did so because no one offered an alternative. It was presented as a solution to a problem. Little did we know, it would only be the first of many problems. In our hearts, we knew better because of the way we are wired, but in our heads, we didn't know what else to do.

After hearing our stories, a legislator who's concerned about the state budget, in addition to women's health issues, tries to compute what he or she begins to realize is incalculable. The society that endorses the misperception that abortion is a legitimate "choice" suffers emotionally, psychologically, mentally, physically, spiritually and economically. As they internalize the far-reaching implications of what they hear, they <sup>may</sup> ~~will~~ grow increasingly uncomfortable and realize the true nature of the elephant in the chambers. *They begin to understand how PA women feel.*

Abortion is the most common surgical procedure performed on women (1,200,000 annually in the United States; again, a conservative number since some states don't keep records and those that do aren't always accurate) and happens to be a very lucrative industry. Because it's legal, we've been led to believe by those who profit from it that it's safe, or, at the very least, it's a "necessary evil," and that we need to keep it safe, hence legal. In reality, it is nothing *but* evil and it is wreaking havoc on woman's health and on society.

Abortion is a crime, and a hate-crime at that. We hate ourselves for being in the predicament we're in when faced with the decision; and we usually end up hating the person who got us pregnant, if it wasn't an act of violence, in which case, we hate them from the beginning. We hate the "friend" or family member who suggests, encourages, or coerces us to do it. We hate the doctor who ravages our body, and the nurse assisting him who lies and tells us, "everything's gonna be okay." And we hate the people who tell us

to "just get over it" when we try to explain how we feel week, months, years, decades afterward.

Most of the arguments surrounding women's reproductive health care that are causing the budget stalemate are merely expressions of government's propensity to take the easy way out and throw money at a seemingly harmless solution under the guise of protecting reproductive health "rights" and "freedom of choice." In actuality, this has nothing to do with "rights" and everything to do with protecting the misperception that living in America means we are free to do as we please, and ~~the~~ <sup>that</sup> government is somehow obligated to pay for the consequences of poor choices, unacceptable behavior, or untimely decisions.

If legislators really cared about women's reproductive health issues, they would invest more resources preventing an unplanned pregnancy from happening in the first place in order to avoid the issue altogether. Considering teens are the fastest growing population of women seeking abortion services, and recognizing no method of birth control is fool-proof, teaching abstinence in the schools and encouraging students of all ages to enjoy their childhood and avoid sexual activity until they are ready to accept the responsibility of parenthood is far more beneficial than condoning promiscuity. Instead of teaching students how to use condoms by demonstrating on bananas, we need to help them understand that parenthood is forever, it's expensive, and will be the hardest, most rewarding, job they ever have. Teach them that they are worthy, and that life has so much to offer them if they avoid making untimely choices. While abstinence seems idealistic to some, it is free and 100% effective in terms of preventing pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases and infections, which would also eliminate the need for ridiculous and unnecessary expenditures such as the HP vaccine.

When I told my eight year old daughter my story, I asked her how she felt and she replied, "sad." After explaining why I did it, I asked her what she was thinking. She said, "I'm thinking that I'm never going to do that." If an eight year old gets it, the rest of us should be able to.

And if a young woman can't afford birth control, she needs to seriously consider if she can afford to be sexually active, since no method provides total assurance. *This is called taking responsibility for her life, so that govt doesn't have to intervene.*

Please don't use any more of ~~my~~ tax dollars to continue inflicting pain on women.

Before a woman voluntarily consents to end the life growing inside her, educate her on all of the potential life-long side affects of what she's agreeing to. <sup>as well as the many benefits</sup> Insist she spend time with a post-abortive woman so she can hear first-hand what it's like to be one. Fund programs that give post-abortive women permission to share their stories and begin to heal. Offer some type of restitution to compensate for pain and suffering. Do everything in your power to stop the silent holocaust. *of seeing her divorce Appt as a mother through.*

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issues.*

In cases of rape and incest (which are far fewer than pro-aborts will have you believe), insist that the woman who desires to terminate the pregnancy prosecute her perpetrator, and then surround her with a loving support network that does more than give her permission to add murder to assault, or a brochure on domestic abuse services. *many of us are prepared and willing to do whatever it takes to help them avoid the trauma they've endured.*

And In the rare and dire situation where the mother's life is at risk, she is not "aborting" her child. Her motivation is entirely different and she is making the hardest decision of her life. She desperately wants to save her child's life. She is the one and only exception in the discussion and she is truly in crisis.

If legislators really wanted to make a positive impact, they would realize that doing so is a complicated proposition that involves multiple agencies, policies, ~~and~~ well-funded special interest groups, <sup>and all of their constituents.</sup> But a lot can be done on the front-line if they have the ~~audacity to~~ suggest that parents start parenting, educators start educating, prosecutors start prosecuting, and people start taking responsibility for their own lives, instead of relying on the government to do so for them.

The legislative branch of government needs to do what it was intended to do ... design laws that protect the people ... from each other, amoral special interest groups, and those bent on funding bogus programs that serve only to exacerbate the problem. AB427 is most definitely a step in the right direction. ~~Thank you.~~

If we're unwilling to conform to God's laws, even after invoking his help under oath, then we need only remember the most important one - ~~the~~ Love each other. Love doesn't let women hurt themselves. Love does everything it can to prevent that.

## **Hearing Testimony for the Coercive Abortion Prevention Act Assembly Bill 427**

My name is Anna Anderson. I am the Executive Director of the Care Net Pregnancy Center of Green County in Monroe, WI. I am here today to testify in support of Assembly Bill 427.

Every day in this state and across the nation, girls and women are being forced to abort their unborn babies with devastating consequences. In Monroe a community of between 10,000 and 11,000 residents, I am aware of as many as three (3) girls and women annually who are forced into surgical abortion procedures and even more who are forced to take the morning after pill or RU-486 abortion pill.

Some of the people who force these girls and women into abortions might not surprise you but others might. Young girls are being forced by their parents to have abortions because although this might seem old fashioned, they don't want the embarrassment or disgrace of an unwed pregnancy. Sometimes it is the grandparents or other legal guardians who force young girls to take the lives of their unborn babies. I have heard parents and grandparents say, "I am not going to let her make the same mistake I did." For this reason, they force her to abort her child. If the girl is under the age of 16, she has no say in whether or not she has an abortion. Once the parent or other legal guardian signs the abortion papers and pays the fees, she will be forced to have the abortion.

I would suspect that most people assume boyfriends and men involved in one night stands are the main causes of forced abortions. They certainly are a contributing factor to this tragedy. When these men force a woman to abort it is generally because they do not want the financial responsibility of paying child support for the next 18 years. But sometimes, it is the woman's husband. The reasons husbands force their wives to abort their children include financial reasons, an unwillingness to raise a child, their age, perhaps their other children are already grown, an impending divorce, and on occasion because he does not believe he is the father of the child.

abortion procedures that were forced upon them. Not only did the people who forced the abortions deprive these girls of the gift of that child but also the blessings of any future children.

One of the most appalling sources of forced abortions is medical professionals; people who take the oath to preserve and protect human life yet force women into destroying the lives of their babies. Some are more subtle than others. For example, they present the results of a Down's Syndrome Test that is positive but neglect to tell the woman that this test is not accurate a significant percentage of the time. They then suggest abortion as a "treatment option" to spare the woman of being "burdened" with a "defective child". Others are more persistent; demanding the woman undergo additional tests and insisting that she see other medical professionals for testing and opinions. At times numerous medical professionals will meet with the woman simultaneously to put even greater pressure on her to abort the child.

This is difficult to fathom but there are actually "medical professionals" who have tried to force women to abort their babies because they suspect a rare genetic disorder and they want the child aborted for research purposes. This actually happened at a medical facility here in Madison. When the woman resisted their pressure to abort, some of these "medical professionals" actually became irate. She felt very intimidated by them. The baby did not have the suspected genetic disorder.

Another disorder that is being suspected quite often recently is Trisomy 18. People are being told by medical professionals that they must abort their babies because the child has Trisomy 18 and will die in utero or shortly after birth. Our Center knows of couples who were told this and whose doctors pushed them to abort. They nearly caved to the pressure but their babies were born perfectly healthy.

Just this week I learned of a couple who was told by medical professionals that they had no choice but to abort their conjoined twins because they were going to die anyway. When she hesitated on having the abortion, she was told she must have the abortion if

she wanted future children. This woman is struggling with the fact that she believed the medical staff and ended the lives of her twins.

An obstetrician who claimed to be 100% pro-life once told me that he always offers abortion as a "treatment option" because he fears wrongful birth lawsuits. Upon investigating this further I learned that other doctors not only "offer" abortion as a treatment option but try to force women to abort when they suspect even the slightest possibility of a less than perfect baby.

Girls and women are being forced to end the lives of their unborn babies through abortion often by the very people who are legally responsible for protecting them and/or have taken oaths to preserve and protect life. These young girls and women are then left to suffer the consequences which can include post-abortion syndrome; physical complications which can result in sterility; and in the worst case scenarios, death. Often times, young girls and women who are forced into abortion develop drug and alcohol addictions, depression with suicidal ideation and suicide attempts. So not only does the person who coerced the abortion destroy the life of the unborn child. He or she also destroys the life of that child's mother.

Thank you for allowing me to testify before this Assembly committee today. In conclusion, I would respectfully encourage you to vote for Assembly Bill 427.

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### **Down Syndrome Statistics from Dr. Thomas Yetman**

Dr. Yetman shared some interesting statistics with me about the prenatal tests for Down's Syndrome.

- He said 40 out of 100 women who have a negative Down's Syndrome test result will actually deliver a baby with Down's Syndrome.
- Even more startling was that for every 100 positive Down's Syndrome tests, 99 women will deliver perfectly healthy babies!

He found these statistics to be true in his own practice as well.

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Ladies and gentlemen of the legislature, my name is Robin Willegal. I am here to tell you my testimony in support of <sup>AB27</sup>~~AB27~~. I had a son at the age of 17 by a man I never married. He threatned to kill me, and abused my son. Soon after I dated and married my husband, I was 19, he was 18. Within a two year period, he graduated high school, joind the army, got married, and moved across the country. I got pregnant, miscarried, then he was sent off to Korea. Hard adjustments for any marriage. When he left we were barely speaking. Following family form, I sought comfort in the arms of another man, not knowing I was already pregnant. I called my husband to let him know what was going on. He was not willing to chance that the child was not his. I never expected to hear his words. "I am raising one son that is not mine, I won't raise another. Get rid of it, or I am gone." My heart crushed, my head swam, I was in shock. The man my son loved and called daddy was now willing to abandon him. What could I do to save both my children?

I sent pictures of the gestational age of the baby. I found two families willing to adopt. I begged I pleaded, I failed. He was adamant. Abort. On August 26th 1991, torn between two children, I aborted my baby. Before I got to the clinic the anguish started. Tremendous guilt, because I had fallen asleep and lost the last night of my babies life. The counsling at the clinic was this, " why are you here?"

The after affects became a cancer that matastisized through my entire life. I bled for months, refused help until years later a hysterectomy was unavoidable. I hated myself, my husband. I doubted my ability to be a good mother. While pregnant with my last two children, the emotional roller coaster drove my husband and I farther and farther apart. That distance exists today 15 years later.

Anything could trigger a major to minor break down. A picture of a mother holding her baby. A similar meal I had eaten while pregnant before the abortion. Every aspect of my life was saturated with what I had done.

I am not alone in my sufferings. Read the stories on the Rachel's Vineyard website, as well as many others sites that are out there. Read the resoureces I have listed in my submitted statement. Listen with your heart. These are the places we who are post abortive go for treatment, but like many forms of cancer, the pain is treatable not curable.

Women are vulnerable when pregnant. Needing a lot of help, support and understanding. Some women need more then others. So they are not forced to give into their fears, and the pressure to abort. Coercion is no ones choice. Please pass this bill.

My name is Jennifer Hennes. I have been a resident of Jackson, Wisconsin for 16 years. I am here today to testify in support of AB 427 and share my story regarding how I felt pressured into having an abortion.

I became pregnant at the age of 17. I was not married or in any long term relationship. I was not sure of my options or if I had any. I didn't tell anyone because I didn't know who to tell. When I told who I thought the father was, he blew me off telling me that my pregnancy did not fit into his plans and neither did he have any money to help me. He did however feel it was in his best interest to let everyone else know of my pregnancy.

When my family heard of my pregnancy, my sister came to my apartment door. I did not answer, yet stood on the other side of the closed door. As she spoke through the door she notified me that my parents wanted me to go away and have an abortion so I wouldn't bring shame to our family. She told me that she would take me somewhere so my parents wouldn't be involved. I stood silently listening as someone else determined the fate of my son. Finally, I agreed that I should at least go and have a pregnancy test to confirm what I already knew in my heart.

I remember sitting across from a woman at a desk at Planned Parenthood. She told me how far along I was. When I tried to tell her that had to be impossible she cut me off. She made me think that there was no way I could know, because she was the professional and I was a stupid 17 year old kid. I really didn't get a chance to say anything. She informed me that I should wait until I turned 18 so not to involve my parents and then come in. According to what I had been told by the "professional" I would have been about 12 weeks along at the time of the procedure. I wasn't given much information in regards to the course of action.

After my 18<sup>th</sup> birthday I went in one afternoon and was given a pill to take that night and go in the next morning. I took the pill. I sat on my bed eating dinner. I was in such excruciating physical pain. I figured out (years later) that the pill was to begin contractions. My sister couldn't get off work so she took me in the early morning and was to pick me up after work.

I remember lying on a cold table and being hooked up to some type of clear suction tube. I actually saw my son, Michael, come up through the tube. I will never forget that moment. I thought that he was quite large for 12 weeks of gestation. After the procedure, the nurse looked at me and said as if she was telling me about the weather, "By the way, you were 22 ½ weeks along; we couldn't have done this if we would have waited any longer." She walked out of the room and turned off the light. I lay there on that cold table in the dark contemplating what was just said to me.

That meant that who I thought was the father wasn't. I was devastated. I thought that Michael's father wanted nothing to do with him, but that wasn't the case, because I had told the wrong man. I had to lie on that table in the dark for several hours waiting for my sister to pick me up. I felt victimized. They had lied to me. They had known the entire time how far along I was. I had the first of years of nightmares in that room on that table. I cannot describe to you the guilt and shame I dealt with for years in regards to this one decision. It wasn't until after the birth of my first daughter in 1988, that I shared this with Michael's true father. I carried this guilt in my heart for over 8 years. I carried unforgiveness toward myself, my family, and the other people involved even longer. I also believed that this was the one thing God could not forgive.

Since that time I have had multiple female problems. Shortly after that I had a cyst on my left ovary rupture and had emergency surgery. I have had two other surgeries on my female organs. This might not have been related, but I guess I'll never know.

We are told that women should have the right to choose. I was not given a choice. I was led to believe that this was the only choice I had to make. I was led to believe that I could not give this child what it needed or deserved. I, now, don't believe my son deserved death especially in the manner it was carried out. Women should be told how the decision of abortion could affect them physically, emotionally and spiritually. I believe all women should be given a list of *all* choices, including adoption and even raising the child on their own. I believe women should be given a directory of churches in the area that give pregnancy counseling so they can choose in which manner events unfold. If we are going to allow women to make choices shouldn't they be given some idea of what the choices are? Shouldn't women know all their options and at least have their own voice be heard?

## **Testimony in support of AB 427, the Coercive Abortion Prevention Act**

**September 13, 2007**

My name is Janet Hurguy. I am here today to ask for your support of Assembly Bill 427.

Almost thirty-two years ago, I was 16 years old, in my junior year of high school and I became pregnant. I was told by my mother that I would have to go live in an unwed mother's home, I would not be allowed to go to my sister's graduation, to my boyfriend's graduation, I would not be able to celebrate my sister's birthday with her, and on and on. My mother used the things she knew was important to me against me.

My parents drove me from La Crosse to Madison to have the abortion. I remember going into that building. I remember the room they took me to. I remember the doctor and the nurse. I remember realizing that this was not the blob of tissue I was told it was. I realized that this, my baby, was real...but it was too late. I was not given the chance to say no. It was like no one cared about how I felt. It was all for them. Make others happy. It was over...for them but not for me. I've lived my own personal hell from that time on. My boyfriend? He never told his parents. My parents never told them. I decided last year to tell his mother because I was planning on speaking out about my abortion and to tell the world, if need be, that abortion is not the answer and I did not want her finding out from someone else. The day after I told her about the abortion, she had a heart attack. She is ok now but I tell you this so you realize that we should not be coerced into doing what we do not want.

It will be up to that abortion doctor to make absolutely sure the woman is told about all resources and if she definitely wants the abortion or not. I know the abortionist is able to tell whether the woman wants it on her own or if she is being coerced. If he/she is willing to do the procedure, they should be willing to take the responsibility of being sure the woman is informed of all her options.

Please, support Assembly Bill 427. Thank you.